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In re Patent Application of:

Hirofumi SAKAUE et al

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Art Unit : 3634

For: REAR GATE OPENING AND CLOSING APPARATUS FOR VEHICLE

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Supplemental Amendment is filed in furtherance of the Amendment filed March 27, 2002. No response has been mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office to that Amendment. Therefore, please accept this Supplemental Amendment as timely filed. This Supplemental Amendment is also in response to a communication with the Examiner on May 2, 2002 wherein claim amendments were suggested for placing this application in condition for allowance

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-16 will remain pending in this application. No new matter is incorporated by this Amendment.

In addition the Amendment dated March 27, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please find attached to this Amendment documents entitled "MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS" and "CLEAN COPY OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS."